



PRAY • LCC STARTED IN MY APARTMENT • 9 YEARS LATER, TIME FOR A HOME • CHEER!!!

Everyone Needs a Home

LCC is launching a 3 year long fundraising campaign called "Everyone Needs a Home." But our dream is not to build a home for ourselves:

Our dream is to let God use us to build a spiritual home for all the "spiritually homeless" in this county.

THE ONLY QUESTION LEFT IS "HOW"

Question One: How does a church build a home for the spiritually homeless?

Question Two: How do I build a spiritual home for myself?

DEVOTIONALS ONLINE TOMORROW

How to Build a Home: The Foundation

ILL: DRAINAGE TILE & LEVELING CONCRETE • THE GROUND UNDER YOUR HOUSE MATTERS!

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24 NIV

OUR HOUSE IS HOLDING UP, BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR HOME? YOUR HOME?

To build a strong home, you need to **DEPEND** on God and **HIS WORD** as your **FOUNDATION**.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS? CHURCH ATTENDANCE? -- SOMETHING GOD SAID HIMSELF

Making God My Foundation (Deuteronomy 26:1-15)

Context

NARRATIVE CONTEXT OF DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

DO NOT FORGET THE LORD

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

DO NOT GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT

Deuteronomy 26:1-15 (p. 138) • Quick Observations

* **FIRSTFRUITS = TITHE = TENTH**.

* Tithing was a **CELEBRATION** of God's provision.

* Tithes were for the Temple, the **LEVITES**, and the **NEEDY**.

THERE IS SOME DEBATE AS TO HOW THE TITHE WAS ACTUALLY TO BE DONE...

BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

The Deeper Realities

THERE ARE TWO DEEPER REALITIES REVEALED IN WHAT THE TITHE SAYS

Verses 13-14

Tithing removes the **SACRED PORTION**.

THE FIRST 10% DOESN'T BELONG TO ME, GET IT OUT OF MY HANDS FAST!

WHY IS THE 10% SACRED? WHAT MAKES IT HOLY?

Verses 5-10

EVERY REASON TO FEEL DESPERATE

ILL: INFANT DESPERATION, MATURING (PROVISION → CONFIDENT DEPENDENCE), ON YOUR OWN

The tithe is holy because it affirms God's **PROVISION**.

I WILL NOT RELY ON MYSELF OR MY INCOME BUT ON GOD.

Take it Home

OKAY, SO LET'S TRY TO TIE EVERYTHING TOGETHER

1. The foundation of my home must be God and his Word.
2. To depend on Him, I need to remember his provision.
3. The tithe is God's way to remind me of his provision.

TITHING IS THE NUMBER ONE MOST PRACTICAL WAY OF LIVING OUT DEPENDENCE

AS A CHURCH, WE ARE COMMITTED TO TITHING EVEN WHEN IT HURTS

In recognition of my dependence on God's provision, I commit to return to God the first _____% of everything that comes into my hands.

In seeing God's provision, I develop dependence.
In practicing dependence, I will see God's provision.
That's a strong foundation.